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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
CONTROLLING COMMUNICATIONS )  
COMPLETION OF PCT/AU98/00173 filed 16 March 1998 )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This application is a national stage entry under 35 USC 371 of PCT/AU98/00173 filed 16 March 1998.

As amended under Article 34 PCT this application comprises Description pages 1-121, Claims 1-23 on pages 122-125, Abstract and sheets 1-12 of drawings.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 5-12, and 20 as follows:

--3. (Amended) A device in accordance with claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the device includes a micro processor which runs in accordance with native software code, and the message processor is implemented as the native software code of the microprocessor.--

--5. (Amended) A device in accordance with [claim 3 or 4] claim 3, wherein the function processor is implemented as native code of the microprocessor.--

--6. (Amended) A device in accordance with [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the message instruction means includes a set of descriptions of message data.--

--7. (Amended) A device in accordance with [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the message processor instruction means is implemented in software defined by the message processor, wherein the device includes a microprocessor, and wherein the message instructions means do not require translation to the native software code of the microprocessor.--

--8. (Amended) A device in accordance with [any one of claims 2 to 7] claim 2, wherein the device includes a microprocessor which runs in accordance with native software code and wherein the protocol instruction means are implemented in software defined by the protocol processor means, and do not require translation to the native code of the microprocessor.--

--9. (Amended) A device in accordance with [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the

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